GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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INDUS WATER TREATY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether annual Indo-Pak dialogue on the Indus Water Treaty could not be taken up as scheduled and was postponed; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the likely date fixed in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) No such dialogue is envisaged under the Indus Waters Treaty 1960. However, as the Permanent Indus Commission is required to submit to the Government of India and to the Government of Pakistan, before the first of June of every year, a report on its work for the year ended on the preceding 31st of March, a meeting was held from 28th May to 1st June, 2002. During this meeting, the Indian Commissioner agreed to consider the proposal of the Pakistan Commissioner to have the next meeting of the Commission within next three months. This meeting has now been held at Islamabad from 4th to 6th February, 2003.